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SUBJ: LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS: OPPOSITION ANNOUNCES METRO MANILA
SLATE

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1. ON FEBRUARY 16 PRESIDENT MARCOS' POLITICAL OPPONENTS
FORMALLY ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF AN ALLIANCE, KNOWN
AS THE LAKAS NG BAYAN (STRENGTH OF THE NATION) TO CONTEST
THE 21 METRO MANILA SEATS AT STAKE IN THE APRIL 7 INTERIM
BATASANG PAMBANSA ELECTIONS. THE OPPOSITION ALLIANCE
WILL USE THE ACRONYM "LABAN" WHICH MEANS "FIGHT" IN
TAGALOG.

2. THE OPPOSITION SLATE WILL BE LED BY FORMER SENATOR
BENIGNO AQUINO, WHO WILL CAMPAIGN FROM HIS DETENTION CELL
AT FORT BONIFACIO, UNLESS PRESIDENT MARCOS REVERSES
DECISION NOT TO RELEASE AQUINO FOR THE ELECTIONS. THE
OTHER LABAN CANDIDATES ARE:

- RAMON MITRA, FORMER SENATOR
- FRANCISCO "SOC" RODRIGO, FORMER SENATOR
- ERNESTO MACEDA, FORMER SENATOR
- ALEJANDRO ROCES, FORMER SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
- ERNESTO RONDON, FORMER CONCON DELEGATE

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- JAIME FERRER, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
- CHARITO PLANAS, FORMER MANILA CITY COUNCILOR
- MANUEL "NOLI" SANTOS, SECRETARY OF PHILIPPINE
ORGANIZATION FOR HUMAN RIGHT AND FORMER CONCON DELEGATE
- NEPTALI GONZALEZ, FORMER CONGRESSMAN
- CESAR "CHITO" LUCERO, FORMER MANILA CITY COUNCILOR
- TRINIDAD HERRERA, PRESIDENT OF ZONE ONE TONDO ORGANIZATION

- GERARDO BARICAN, UP LAW PROFESSOR AND FORMER STUDENT ACTIVIST
- JUAN DAVID, LAWYER OF NPA COMMANDER DANTE (BERNABE BUSCAYNO) AND FORMER CONCON DELEGATE
- NAPOLEON RAMA, FORMER CONCON DELEGATE
- AQUILINO PIMENTEL, JR., FORMER CONCON DELEGATE
- PRIMITOVO DE LEON, FORMER MANILA CITY COUNCILOR
- FELICISIMO CABIGAO, FORMER MANILA VICE MAYOR
- DR. ANTONIO MARTINEZ, FROM CALOOCAN CITY
- ALEX BONGCAYAO, LABOR REPRESENTATIVE

3. THE 21ST SLOT ON THE LABAN TICKET IS STILL VACANT. THE NAME OF THE REMAINING OPPOSITION CANDIDATE IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 17, THE FINAL DAY FOR FILLING CANDIDACY. THE MORNING PRESS SPECULATES THE SLOT WILL BE FILLED WITH FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY SALVADOR P. LOPEZ OR YOUNG NEWSMAN JOSE E. BURGOS.

4. ELDERLY FORMER SENATOR LORENZO TANADA WILL SERVE AS GENERAL CAMPAIGN MANAGER. TANADA ANNOUNCED LABAN TICKET DURING PRESS CONFERENCE AT AQUINO'S QUEZON CITY RESIDENCE ATTENDED BY THE CANDIDATES, MRS. AQUINO, AND FORMER SENATOR JOVITO SALONGA. SALONGA REITERATED THAT HE WAS NOT RUNNING, BUT WAS "DOING WHAT I CAN AS LEGAL COUNSEL OF AQUINO." HE DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF LETTER AQUINO HAS SENT TO PRESIDENT MARCOS REQUESTING TEMPORARY RELEASE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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